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- Apple Inc. released a software update for its devices that resolves a bug with its FaceTime app that enabled users to eavesdrop on a group call they had not accepted or rejected. While the app had been remotely disabled after the bug was announced, the news sparked privacy concerns and prompted questions from New York officials and House leaders. (Bloomberg)

- Amazon.com Inc. said it is one of several companies that invested in self-driving car startup Aurora's $530 million funding round but did not disclose the amount invested. Aurora's chief executive and co-founder, Chris Urmson, used to serve as technology head for Alphabet Inc.'s self-driving cars. (CNBC)

- Amazon said it supports "appropriate" legislative guidelines on facial recognition technology to protect civil rights, with AWS Vice President of Global Public Policy Michael Punke saying in a blog post that the public should be notified when video surveillance and facial ID are used in public or for commercial purposes. Amazon has come under fire from civil rights groups, which argue that its Rekognition software could be used to unfairly target minorities and immigrants. (Reuters)

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